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COLLAPSE OF CAPITOL NOT FEARED, BUT REPAIRS NECESSARY AT ONCE

What Various Persons Who
Had Charge of Work
Have to Say About
Report of In-
spector.

Declaring that the concrete used in fireproofing the steel beams of the roof is defective, and that the stucco work on the exterior is in danger of collapse, Henry P. Beck, who, on yesterday filed his report as to the condition of the State Capitol, stated, nevertheless, as predicted in this paper, that the building is in no danger of collapse, that the floors are not threatened at present and that the Washington statue is safe from harm, certainly for the moment. However, the inspector recommends immediate attention to certain defects, and suggests that all persons be kept out of the attic room until the concrete casing around the bottom of the roof beams is entirely removed. This concrete is intended to fireproof the steel beams, and its removal in no sense affects the strength of the structure.

Mr. Beck also calls attention to the need of repairs to the exterior stucco work, window caps, etc., and also to the advisability of relaying the portico floor with waterproof material in order that the basement offices may be freed from the dampness which has been noticeable ever since the building was remodeled.

All of the trouble reported seems to be in the so-called "old part," no serious defects having developed in the two annex buildings which now form the House and Senate chambers.

What They Say of It.

The remodeling of the Capitol at a cost of about \$300,000 was authorized by the Legislature in 1904, which appointed as its commission in charge of the work, Governor A. J. Montague, ex-officio chairman, from the Senate, Hon. George Wayne Anderson, of Richmond; Hon. Archer A. Phlegar, of Christiansburg; and Hon. George B. Kezler, of Harrisonburg. From the House, Hon. Tipton D. Jennings, of Lynchburg; Hon. A. M. Bowman, of Salem; and Hon. S. L. Kelley, of Richmond. After receiving competitive designs, this commission employed as architects to supervise the construction of the building, Messrs. Noland and Baskerville, of Richmond; Frye and Chesterman, of Lynchburg; and John Kavan Peebles, of Norfolk. The contract for the work being let to Mr. W. A. Chesterman, of Richmond. Mr. William Gibson, Jr., was engaged by the commission as clerk of the work, and was instructed to be on the job every day and supervise the mixing of the concrete, and in every way see that the contract was carried out.

Speaking for the commission yesterday afternoon, Colonel Anderson, now Assistant City Attorney, said that the members had relied upon the architects. "We were given no voice in the selection of the supervisor which the State kept on the ground," said Mr. Noland, and he gave general approval to the plans and specifications of the architects. "We were given no voice in the selection of the supervisor which the State kept on the ground," said Mr. Noland, and he gave general approval to the plans and specifications of the architects.

When asked about the matter, Mr. Noland said he was fully satisfied that the plans and specifications of the architects were correct, and that Mr. Beck's report, as he had expected, Noland said, "gave general approval according to contract and to the plans of the architects."

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The Capitol and Library Commission, in session yesterday, received Mr. Beck's report and in the main approved

its findings. Immediate steps were taken for removing the concrete fireproofing of the girders of the roof, believed to be dangerous. Mr. Beck agreed to supervise this work and to have it done in such a manner as not to injure the roof proper. Mr. Beck's report is as follows:

"At the request of His Excellency, Claude A. Swanson, Governor of Virginia, I have during the past week made a thorough inspection of the Capitol Building, with the view of determining definitely the present condition of the structure.

"A careful comparison of the building with the plans and specifications seems to indicate that the work of remodeling has been in accordance with the drawings.

"The work of fire-proofing the floors, roof, etc., seems to have been the subject of a special contract based upon each bidder's own specifications for this work, and in this particular line there is no record of what was done, although the basements are in good condition, and it is very apparent that the required reinforcement was not incorporated in the concrete slabs on the roof. The fire-proof casing of the steel beams of the roof is a bad piece of work, and it is very apparent that the required reinforcement was not incorporated in the concrete slabs on the roof. The fire-proof casing of the steel beams of the roof is a bad piece of work, and it is very apparent that the required reinforcement was not incorporated in the concrete slabs on the roof.

"The stucco on the old building is badly in need of repair, and the artificial stone window caps and sills are cracked and crumbling, and their complete deterioration is not many months distant.

"At this time there are evidences of recent repairs to the exterior walls, and the indications are that the entire outside of the building is in urgent need of immediate attention.

"The floor under the portico floor is of little service mainly on account of dampness caused by the continual leaks from the floor over this part of the building.

"There are also indications of dampness in other basement rooms in different parts of the building.

Spending nearly all of yesterday in the consideration of matters relating to the improvement of the Capitol and Library Buildings, the commission appointed by the Legislature for that purpose adjourned to meet in the Governor's office again this morning, when the consideration of the proposed wing to the Library Building will be awarded.

Much of yesterday's session was consumed in the examination of designs submitted by various contractors for painting and decorating the interior of the Capitol, and though there was the sharpest kind of competition, the plans and specifications of Mr. R. Lee Peters, of this city, were finally accepted and the contract was awarded to him. There were bidders from all the principal cities from Baltimore to Atlanta, and it took the commission several hours to determine which plans to accept. The other Richmond bidder was Mr. A. W. Hargrave, and though he failed to win out, his designs made a good impression upon the commission. There is in all about \$105,000 at the disposal of the commission, the major portion, \$85,000, being for the new wing to the Library. The painting and decorating contract will approach the \$10,000 mark, and the remainder is for repairs to the Capitol Building, and to place steps at various parts leading up to the new walk and driveway.

All the members of the commission are attending the meetings and Governor Swanson, who is ex-officio chairman, is manifesting much interest in the proceedings. The commission is composed of Senator E. C. Folkes, of this city, and Delegates Green, of Fauquier; Spessard, of Craig; and Baker, of Chesterfield. It is expected that the commission will wind up its work this afternoon.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued to the following couples by the clerk of the Hustings Court yesterday: Abbott Ely and Grace A. Brown; Yacopo Pini and Palma Adams; Fred C. Whitman and Emma E. Allen.

ferent parts of the building, in the vicinity of the belt course at the main floor, caused no doubt by bad joints in this belt.

"From an examination of the plans and specifications, and a careful inspection of the building, I am fully satisfied that the structure is in no immediate danger, and that the occupants are taking no risk in any part of the building except on the attic floors. The floors are not overloaded at this time, and as long as they are not called upon to perform more service than they have in the past, there need be no apprehension. The Washington statue is not in a position to be injured.

Submits Recommendations.

"In conclusion, I beg to make the following recommendations, and earnestly trust your commission will determine to put them into effect as soon as possible.

"1. All persons should be kept out of the attic rooms, until the concrete casing around the bottom of the roof beams is completely removed. This part of the concrete in its present condition is utterly useless, and its presence is only an additional burden to the roof. It should be removed without delay.

"2. As to the stucco work, window caps, etc., it appears to be certain that the entire work is in urgent need of immediate repairs, and complete rehabilitation at an early date, not only to present a respectable appearance, but also to prevent further deterioration to other parts of the building.

"3. The present portico floor should be taken up, and the concrete base re-laid, and as to the floor, the incorporation into this floor, of a sheet of asphaltum or some other waterproof material. This part of the work should have careful supervision in order to obtain satisfactory results, and if possible when this floor is re-laid its finished surface should have a slope away from the building.

"4. All joints in the stone belt course immediately opposite the main floor should be carefully cleaned out and filled with some water-proof material.

"5. It is absolutely essential that the work to be done as set forth above, should be in the hands at all times of some experienced and competent architect, who shall work out the details of the various items, in order to make them complete and effective, when these repairs shall have been completed."

By unanimous vote the Council Committee on Finance has reported favorably on the resolution introduced by President Peters to appropriate \$5,000 as a general convention fund, to be used in securing and entertaining national organizations which may be brought to Richmond. With this indorsement the measure will be adopted by the two branches, enough pledges having been secured to guarantee its passage.

Hereafter, practically the entire amount of money required for entertainment has been raised by popular subscriptions. The business people have been exceedingly generous, but finally the force of the argument that the city should bear a part of the burden has been recognized.

Although the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association will not decide the question for three months, several of the members have expressed a desire to visit Richmond next year. It is understood that Richmond, Baltimore or Old Point Comfort will capture the next convention.

Transportation lines, the Richmond Locomotive Works were practically closed. With this first new order, however, the machinery will start up again, and as many shops must be operated to turn out big engines in two months, there will be employment for a number of machinists. A call for thirteen engines is not a big order in itself, but this contract with the Colorado and Southern, the first in some months, is looked upon as the forerunner of more hopeful conditions and more prosperous times.

Because of the recent depression, which was felt most seriously by the

MADE JOKE OF HIS COMPLAINT

Maxwell's Letter on Crutchfield Received Amid Laughter and Tabled.

MEMBERS DENY CHARGES

Declare They Did Not Say They Would Ignore Allegations if Presented.

Claiming that members of the Council had previously decided their intention of ignoring charges that he might prefer against Police Justice Crutchfield, Thomas Maxwell sent to President Peters, of the lower branch, a communication, which was read last night under a suspension of rules amid laughter and strong denials from those whose names had been dragged into the affair.

The meeting was held to pass an amended ordinance for a new issue of bonds, amounting to \$250,000, for the redemption of bonds of a similar amount, which will fall due on July 1st. After this matter had been passed the Maxwell letter was presented.

There was objection, but out of curiosity mainly the clerk was permitted to read it. Mr. Maxwell was in the chamber a few minutes before the body was rapped to order, but he left about the time the roll was called.

What He Demands.

"I have been informed," said Mr. Maxwell in his letter, by Mr. C. K. Pollock, (naming Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock), of the City Council; Mr. Garber, Mr. White and Mr. Ferguson that the City Council will ignore me if I should prefer charges against Crutchfield. What I am entitled to and what I shall have is the privilege of going before the City Council in person and telling them the way I have been treated by this man. They have been honored by the people of Richmond to act as agents and elect good people to enforce the ordinances and laws made by them, or I want you to insist upon him going before the people to tell them why he treated me as he did. Now, this I am entitled to.

"I have done wrong. I want the people of Richmond to know it, and if I did right, I want them to know it also.

"I think you ought, as president of the City Council of Richmond, to insist upon these propositions."

Members Make Denial.

Mr. Ferguson, the two Whites and Mr. Garber, were quick to resent the insinuation. Mr. Ferguson said he could not recall any conversation with Mr. Maxwell except that he had said he would vote for Justice Crutchfield's re-election.

Mr. W. L. White and Mr. David Meade White said they did not know Mr. Maxwell and had never had any conversation with him. Mr. Garber said he had talked with Mr. Maxwell, but knew nothing of his grievance.

There were all sorts of motions, but the communication was laid on the table.

COPIES OF RESOLUTION

Council for Judge Blackstone Apparently Preparing to Take Appeal.

Recent developments appear to indicate that the former Judge J. G. Blackstone, of Accomac, who was deposed after an investigation of certain charges at the late session of the Legislature, intends to carry out his threat to have the legality of the removal proceedings tested in the courts. Messrs. Ashby and Judge J. Newton News, representing Judge Blackstone, have applied for and received from the clerk of the two houses of the General Assembly certified copies of the resolutions of removal.

The State Supreme Court will meet at Westville early in June, and it is before that tribunal this case will have to be brought for adjudication. If an appeal is to be taken from the decision of the Legislature. Nothing concerning the matter has been heard directly from the former circuit judge since a short time after the Legislature adjourned, but then he declared with emphasis that he would take his case up, and fight for a reversal of the action of the Assembly upon the ground that he had not been legally removed from the office he held.

NEW CLERK APPOINTED

Mr. William Breeden Becomes Chief Assistant to Mr. Walter Christian.

Mr. William Breeden, who has been appointed chief deputy clerk of the Hustings Court, will qualify on June 1st. His brother, Mr. E. V. Breeden, who retired in the fall because of serious illness, is now in Orange, where he has recovered his health, but will not return here to continue in the court service. For several months Mr. G. H. Scott has been rendering valuable assistance to Clerk Christian and to the public. He is a mechanical engineer of experience and ability, and will return to his profession, after having given a lift to the court officials.

INSPECTED THEATRES

Moving Picture Establishments Ordered to Provide Greater Protection.

Mayor McCarthy, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief Shaw, members of the special committee of inspection, visited two of the moving picture theatres on Broad Street yesterday, and instructed the managers to make certain changes in their buildings. Building Inspector Beck in the general interest of the public. Unless the orders are complied with the places will be closed. The managers said that they would immediately follow instructions.

Action on Rueger Claim Deferred.

The Council Committee on Printing and Claims decided last night to defer until some subsequent meeting action on the claim of Mr. William Rueger.

ENGINE PLANT STARTS; BETTER TIMES COMING

The Colorado and Southern Railroad, has contracted with the American Locomotive Company for thirteen locomotives, the order being placed at the Richmond works. There will be consolidation and three switch engines, and as the first consolidation engine is to be delivered in sixty days, the work of building will start at once. Business and railroad men are hopeful that this is the beginning of renewed activity at the plant.

Officers of State Aerie of Eagles



L. E. BLONDELL, President.
GEORGE H. HENSHAW, Secretary.
B. J. O'HARA, Deputy Grand Worthy President.
LOUIS LOEB, M. D., Chaplain.

EAGLES ON WAY TO CONVENTION CITY

Annual Meeting of State Aerie to Be Held Here This Week.

Gathering its forces on Thursday morning the State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, looks forward to a most interesting convention as the guests of Dixie Aerie, of Richmond. One hundred and ten authorized delegates will be in attendance, representing the twenty-two aeries of the State, in which there is an enrolment of about 6,000 persons, although the order is now barely ten years old. Numbering in all about 250,000 patriotic citizens of the United States, the fraternity has spread almost all over the world.

Important Business.

The headquarters of the State convention will be at Murphy's Hotel, and the sessions will be held in the Eagles' Home, at Fourth and Broad Streets.

Opening Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with a business meeting, at which various reports will be made, and committees appointed, the body will sit again at 2:30 P. M. No night session will be held, the members attending a smoker given by Dixie Aerie.

On Friday morning the State Aerie begins its work at 9 o'clock, adjourning at noon, when special cars will be in readiness to take the delegates to Lakeside Park, where luncheon will be served. The concluding business session will be held on Saturday.

Election of delegates to the national convention will be one of the interesting matters of business, and the instruction of these delegates in certain policies will afford a sure topic for discussion. Many members are in favor of materially cutting down the representation of the local aeries in the national convention, so as to reduce the present bulky, unwieldy size of that body, which has numbered as many as 5,000 people.

The Officers.

The following are the present officers of the State organization:

P. T. Murphy, Richmond, past State president; L. E. Blondell, Norfolk, State worthy president; C. Braxton, Staunton, State worthy vice-president; Louis Loeb, Newport News, State worthy chaplain; George Henshaw, State secretary; C. R. MacKimmie, Norfolk, State treasurer; J. C. Carmody, Richmond, State worthy conductor; F. C. Jessor, Covington, State worthy inside guard; J. B. Graves, Clifton Forge, State worthy outside guard; W. H. Willis, Harrisonburg, State Worthy Trustee (three years); Gustav Bernier, Richmond, State worthy trustee (two years); R. E. L. Mullen, Manchester, State worthy trustee (one year).

From Other Cities.

From Norfolk last night came the following special delegation: J. J. Lusk, H. I. Price, R. E. Atkinson, J. F. Bell, R. A. Brandt and L. Levy.

Newport News will also be well represented, as is seen from the following special:

"A large delegation of members of Newport News Aerie No. 558, F. O. Eagles, will go to Richmond Thursday to attend the annual meeting of the State Aerie."

Hit Her with Filing.

The case of George Finch (colored), charged with hitting Lizzie Meade in the head with a paving, was continued in Police Court yesterday morning. Lizzie being unable to appear in court. The woman will be out of the hands of Dr. Eggleston, one of the city internos, to-day and the case will be heard.

Suspected of Burglary.

Charged with breaking into a stall in the First Market and stealing therefrom a lot of chickens, James A. Counsel, colored, was caught and locked up last night. R. Stewart and Perry Lee, both colored, were registered as suspicious characters. They are suspected of house robbery, but more evidence is yet to be secured.

KILLED BY FALL WHILE AT WORK

W. H. Clayborne Taken to Hospital, but Died in Short Time.

While at his work about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. H. Clayborne, of No. 1001 Short Baker Street, suffered a severe fall from the effects of which he died at the Virginia Hospital about two hours later. As soon after the accident as possible he was taken to the hospital, but died at 4 o'clock, about ten minutes after his arrival there, and before an operation could be performed.

Mr. Clayborne was a member of the Venable Street Baptist Church. He was forty-four years old and lived in Accomac county before coming to Richmond. He leaves his widow and nine children. Arrangements for the funeral had not been made last night.

Died in His Car.

Charles Robinson, colored, an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was found dead yesterday morning in baggage car No. 387. He was in a car cleaner. Coroner Taylor pronounced death due to heart disease.

Both Back at Work.

Mr. H. Stewart Jones, clerk of the State Supreme Court, and Captain J. C. Irrell, of the Second Auditor's office, were able to be at their desks yesterday, after being absent for the past week on account of sickness.

BIG FIGHT BEGINS OVER DISPENSARY

Chief Justice of United States to Sit in Famous South Carolina Cases To-Day.

For the purpose of presiding over the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit during the famous South Carolina liquor dispensary cases, Hon. Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the United States, will be in the city to-day, and will remain here until the trial is over.

The Chief Justice comes to make a full court, Judge Pritchard, who has been presiding since the present term began, being disqualified to hear the South Carolina cases, for the reason that he passed upon them originally in the lower court, when upon motion of certain creditors, he appointed receivers to take charge of it and administer the dispensary. Sitting with Chief Justice Fuller will be District Judges Waddill, of Richmond, and Boyd, of North Carolina. A large number of prominent lawyers will appear on either side.

May Take Some Time.

It depends very largely upon what turn matters take in the early stages of the trial as to how much time the consideration of the cases will require, continuing through several days.

The appellants, or the dispensary commissioners, are represented by Attorney General Lyon, and the appellees, or the State, by Attorney General Lyon, and the appellees, or the State, by Attorney General Lyon, and the appellees, or the State, by Attorney General Lyon.

Most of the lawyers arrived in the city last night, and it is understood that they will be ready to go on this morning. The cases are of great public interest, especially in South Carolina.

From the decision of Judge Pritchard, placing the dispensary, on motion of certain creditors, in the hands of receivers, the State appealed, through Attorney General Lyon, and the lawyers mentioned as his associates have been employed to assist in the fight of the dispensary restored to the hands of the commissioners. A brilliant legal battle is in prospect, as every point of difference will be sharply contested by the two sides, which have long been preparing for the struggle in the high courts.

DIVIDED ONE AND CREATE ANOTHER

Provision for New Council Committee Made at Meeting Last Night.

WILL WORK WITH CHAMBER

Important Duties for New Committee on Publicity—As to Park Superintendent.

Important changes in the rules under which the work of the City Council is conducted were recommended last night by a special joint committee, which made a careful study of the cumbersome system long in vogue.

In line with the policy adopted by the commercial organizations for the welfare and advancement of the city, the members unanimously agreed upon the creation of what will be known as the Committee on Publicity, to act in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and kindred associations.

To Abolish One Committee.

Councilman Mills' suggestion that the Committee on Grounds and Buildings be abolished, and that two new committees, known as the Committee on Parks and Public Grounds and the Committee on Public Buildings be created, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

It was explained that the division of duties heretofore performed by the City Engineer should make this arrangement necessary, the general idea, moreover, being to divorce the parks from the public structures, so far as the management is concerned. It was also pointed out that it will be necessary soon to create the position of superintendent of parks.

Other changes made were:

To change the order of business of the two branches so that roll call matters will come up after the presentation of the standing committee reports. That no member of Council shall be chairman of more than one standing committee.

That in the consideration of questions by joint committees, a member serving regularly on both shall have only one vote.

That the signature of three instead of five members shall be sufficient to call a special meeting of either branch.

Want More Co-Operation.

There was a general discussion of all the regulations. Councilman Mills, who made the motion for a Committee on Publicity, showed the importance of closer relations between the Council and the Chamber of Commerce, his plan meeting with popular favor.

In the past the Council has been criticized for its lack of co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce, but there has been a remarkable change of sentiment in this respect. An availing of this was found in the desire of the rule-maker to bring about a greater spirit of cordiality hereafter.

Another meeting will be held before a report is finally submitted. The special committee consists of Councilman H. R. Pollard, Jr., chairman; President R. L. Peters, of the Common Council; Councilman Morgan R. Mills, President W. M. Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, and Alderman T. H. Elliott.

Charged With Fighting.

David Richardson, Charles Young, W. E. Lewis, and John McClure, all young white men, were arrested last night on a charge of fighting in the street. Charles Latimer and Edward Wade, also white, were arrested on a like charge.

Alfred Garrison, colored, was locked up on a charge of breaking into the house of a prominent citizen, and a lot of the latter's Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. Policeman Atkinson caught him.

PLAINTIFFS WIN IN HOTEL CASE

Judge Waddill Renders Decision Confirming Report of Special Master Guy.

Sitting in the United States District Court yesterday Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., handed down in the case of Frank Brumbaugh and others vs. the Jefferson Hotel Company and others, a decision favorable to the plaintiffs, in whom is awarded a verdict for \$23,032.51.

The matters involved in the litigation, which grew out of some work on the original Jefferson Hotel, were referred to Mr. Jackson Guy as special master, and the action of Judge Waddill is in confirmation of Mr. Guy's report.

The opinion declares that the court accepts the conclusions of the special master, ascertaining the amount due Frank Brumbaugh, of the original contract to be \$14,292.37, less \$3,631.83, an offset due the defendants, and the further sum of \$12,884.14, for extra work, making a total of \$23,032.51.

What Court Says.

"The cause came up," says the court, "on exceptions to the master's report. The record is voluminous, the evidence covering 1,200 pages, and many legal questions were passed upon by the master. Material ones relate chiefly to the right of the complainant to recover because of his failure to substantially perform his contract and within the time prescribed by same, and to recover for extra work, because same was not authorized.

The conclusion reached by the court is that the exceptions to the master's conclusions upon the questions of fact should be overruled and the report in all respects confirmed. The court does not intend to pass upon any question arising between the general contractor and the subcontractors, or between subcontractors as among themselves."

An order will follow directing that judgment be entered in accordance with the opinion of the court.

MILLIONAIRE IMMIGRANT

Mr. Rafael Villafraza Settles Here Because He Likes People and Climate.